

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A surgical clamp adapted to contact tissue of a patient and to provide traction with the tissue so as to inhibit migration of the instrument relative to the tissue, the surgical instrument comprising:

5 a substrate having a particular surface adapted to face the tissue of the patient;

a multiplicity of bristles each having a column strength and extending outwardly of the particular surface, the bristles being adapted for disposition relative to the tissue in a contacting relationship with the tissue; and

10 each of the bristles having a generally straight configuration so that the force of the bristles on the tissue is enhanced by the column strength of the bristles thereby providing increased traction between the instrument and the tissue.

Cancel claims 2-35 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add new claims 36-47 as follows:

36. (New) A surgical instrument adapted to contact tissue of a patient to provide traction with the tissue, the surgical instrument comprising:

opposable first and second pads formed of a resilient material;

5 a multiplicity of first projections disposed to extend outwardly of the first pad and to provide a first tissue contacting surface; and

a multiplicity of second projections disposed to extend outwardly of the second pad and to provide a second tissue contacting surface,

wherein the first and second projections interrelate to facilitate traction when the pads are moved toward one another.

37. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 36, wherein each of the first and second pads has a particular surface adapted to face the tissue of the patient and has first traction characteristics.

38. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 37, wherein each of the first and second tissue contacting surfaces has traction characteristics different from the first traction characteristics.

39. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 36, wherein the first and second projections are arranged in a pattern.

40. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 39, wherein the pattern is a waffle pattern.

41. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 39, wherein the pattern is a saw-tooth pattern.

42. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 37, wherein each of the first and second projections has an axis and a radial cross-section of one of a polygonal and an irregular configuration.

43. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 42, wherein the axis of at least one of the projections is disposed at an angle to the particular surface of at least one of the first and second pads.

44. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 36, further comprising opposable first and second jaws to fixedly support the first and second pads, respectively.

45. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 39, wherein the pattern of the projections provides traction with the tissue of a first magnitude in a first direction and provides traction with the tissue of a second magnitude in a second direction; and the first magnitude being different from the second magnitude and
5 the first direction being different from the second direction.

46. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 37, wherein:
at least one of the first projections and one of the second projections has an axis extending between a first end and a second end, the first end being disposed in proximity to the particular surface of the first pad and the second

- 5 pad, respectively, with the second end extending outwardly of the first pad and the second pad, respectively; and

the projection having a radial cross-section that progressively decreases in area from the first end to the second end.

47. (New) The surgical instrument of Claim 42, wherein the radial cross-section of each of the first and second projections is oval.